



## Welcome to high school at PVSchools!

At PVSchools, we believe the foundation of any high school experience is built on a positive learning environment where each student has the resources and support of our caring and nurturing faculty and staff. High school is an exciting time for students to make lasting friendships, participate in clubs and after school activities, support the school's athletic teams, as well as make decisions and plans for the future whether it's college or career.

PVSchools continues to invest in a wide variety of specialty programs to fit the learning needs of our students. Our Signature Programs provide students the ability to participate in cutting-edge programs and innovative learning experiences. A few of our highlighted programs include Advanced Placement, honors, world language, fine and performing arts, and Career and Technical Education electives.

If your neighborhood school doesn't have the program to meet your teen's academic interests, we are confident we have another high school that will fit your needs.



### Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps

*Shadow Mountain High School*

The Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) program at Shadow Mountain High School explores the historic and scientific aspects of aerospace technology and teaches students self-reliance, self-discipline, and other characteristics found in good leaders. The objectives of AFJROTC are to educate and train high school cadets in citizenship, promote community service, instill responsibility, character, and provide instruction in air and space fundamentals.



### AP Capstone™

*Horizon, Pinnacle, and Paradise Valley High Schools*

AP Capstone™ is a College Board program that equips students with the independent research, collaborative teamwork, and communication skills that are increasingly valued by colleges. It cultivates curious, independent, and collaborative scholars and prepares them to make logical, evidence-based decisions.

AP Capstone™ is a two-year program built on the foundation of two courses: AP Seminar and AP Research. The program is designed to complement and enhance the discipline-specific study in other AP courses. Participating schools use the AP Capstone program to provide unique research opportunities for current AP students, and to expand access to AP by encouraging students to master the argument-based writing skills that the AP Capstone program develops.



### Advancement Via Individual Determination

*North Canyon and Shadow Mountain High Schools*

PVSchools is helping to make the reach to college a reality for students with Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID). AVID is a college and career readiness system that equips teachers with strategies to teach students writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading skills, academic behaviors, and college and career knowledge necessary to succeed at every level of post-secondary pathways. Students in the AVID Elective class specifically address these skills, engage in rigorous coursework, receive extra preparation for the ACT/SAT, leadership training, and receive guidance with college applications, scholarship opportunities, and assistance with financial aid applications. Twice per week students in the AVID Elective engage in tutorials facilitated by actual college students, which are modeled after college study group sessions. Students collaborate as they pose higher-level questions related to their rigorous coursework. Many AVID students are the first in their families to go to college. AVID helps students develop a vision for their future, gain confidence in their abilities, and take ownership of their learning.

The power of AVID is its ability to impact all students throughout the campus by infusing best-teaching practices and academic behaviors that can be incorporated into any classroom to improve engagement and success for all students. AVID promotes a college and career-going culture on campus.



## Career and Technical Education

Paradise Valley High School

Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs provide students with the foundation and opportunity to explore different career paths while gaining real-world experiences along the way. No matter what post-secondary aspirations students may have, whether it be continuing on to further education or joining the workforce immediately upon completion of high school, CTE programs provide students with a competitive advantage that will serve them well in any pursuit.

CTE Programs Offered by PVSchools include: Automotives, Biotechnology, Business Management Services, Child Development/Preschool, Computer Science, Culinary Arts, Desktop Publishing, Education Professions, Engineering, Fashion Design/Merchandising, Forensic/Public Safety, Graphic Design, Health Care Academy, Information Technology, Magazine Production, Marketing/Entrepreneurship, Metal Manufacturing, Photography, Sound Engineering, Sports Medicine, TV & Film Production, Welding Technology, and Woodworking.

CTE programs offered at Paradise Valley High School that are not available at a student's home school are open to all district high school students. District transportation is provided to PVHS from the student's home school.



## Center for Research in Engineering, Science and Technology

Paradise Valley High School

The Center for Research in Engineering, Science, and Technology (CREST) is a specialty program offered exclusively at Paradise Valley High School. The CREST program provides students with the opportunity to study one of three specialized disciplines: Bioscience, Computer Science, or Engineering.

The CREST program emphasizes rigor, relevance, and relationships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). CREST students graduate prepared and fully-qualified to pursue STEM-oriented degrees at the postsecondary level.



## Digital Academy of Advanced Placement Scholars

Shadow Mountain High School

When a student steps inside a Digital Academy of Advanced Placement Scholars (DAAPS) classroom at Shadow Mountain High School, the student enters a rigorous college preparatory program with a Humanities emphasis. The bar is raised high and so are the expectations for students. Students are engaged in exploration and discovery, discussion and active learning without the constraints of teacher-centered direct instruction while being able to experience all that high school has to offer, including sports, fine arts, extracurricular activities, and the wide array that SMHS has to offer.

DAAPS is a two-period block program within the SMHS school day that focuses on developing the skills students need when they enter colleges such as analytical reading, grammatically-sound argumentative writing, critical thinking, and speaking.



## Dual Enrollment - for college credit

Paradise Valley, Pinnacle, Horizon, North Canyon, Shadow Mountain, and PVOnline

During the last two years of high school, students have the opportunity to get a head start on college by taking Dual Enrollment classes through Rio Salado College. Dual Enrollment is a program that allows students to earn high school and college credit at the same time. In some cases, students will graduate with an Associate of Arts degree before earning their high school diploma.

Dual Enrollment can not only save students time, it can also save money on college tuition and textbooks. While each high school offers different Dual Enrollment courses that students can take during the school day, Rio Salado College in Tempe offers a full range of courses they can take online or in the evening. More than 40 universities accept this pathway to entry.



## Engineering

Horizon High School

The Engineering Program at Horizon High School introduces students to the mechanical and electrical engineering field, as well as design theory. Students have the opportunity to work on hands-on projects and conduct experiments with real world applications such as building a full-sized greenhouse, water purification system for developing countries, and go-karts. The education experience in the Engineering Program will culminate with the senior Capstone Project, which provides the opportunity for seniors to create a captivating engineer project that showcases their knowledge. If you're looking to pursue a career in science and technology, having a background in engineering is highly advantageous.



## International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

North Canyon High School

In the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme at North Canyon High School students are learning subject matter through inquiry and concept-based lessons with a focus on the IB Learner Profile and are taught different approaches to learning. Along with learning challenging subject matter, students are simultaneously learning how to be life-long learners and to be critical and creative thinkers.

At North Canyon, the IB Programme goes beyond the classroom. Students are required to take part in service learning activities and extracurricular activities. They also plan projects and conduct research outside of the classroom. If students successfully complete the 11th and 12th-grade diploma program, they will earn an IB Diploma, which can open doors to universities and future career opportunities.



## Jobs for Arizona's Graduates

*Paradise Valley High School*

Jobs for Arizona Graduates (JAG) helps students stay in school to acquire the academic, personal, leadership, and vocational skills they will need to be successful upon graduation. At Paradise Valley High School, College and Career Counselors work with juniors and seniors to plan and prepare for their transition from high school to careers. JAG coordinators continue to follow up with students for 12 months after graduation in order to ensure JAG students successfully engage in employment and/or post secondary education.



## Marketing and Entrepreneurship

*Pinnacle High School*

Pinnacle High School's Marketing and Entrepreneurship classes teach students the principles of marketing and the skills to become a successful entrepreneur, while running a small business on campus. There are four courses available in the Marketing/Entrepreneurship program. To get started, interested students need to check with their guidance counselor to sign up for the first course in the sequence: Introduction to the Marketplace. To get the full experience and prepare students for college and beyond, students are encouraged to learn more about the DECA and Marketing/Entrepreneurship programs that are available.



## Night Classes

*Sweetwater Community School*

Jobs and extracurricular activities can make it difficult for students to fit in all the classes they need to graduate. Sweetwater Community School makes it easy by offering evening high school classes.

Students can enroll in an extra class, retake a class or attend a class at a time that is more convenient for them. All classes provide teacher-based instruction, which offers students more of a one-on-one opportunity for learning. New classes are offered each quarter, and students can earn a .5 credit for each class completed.

Classes are held Monday through Thursday and students can enroll in one or two classes each quarter, depending on their needs and schedule limitations.



## North Valley Arts Academies

*Shadow Mountain High School*

Whether your child is passionate about dance, theater, music technology, or visual arts, the North Valley Arts Academies (NVAA) at Shadow Mountain High School offers an outlet for your teen to express his or her creative passions, with a seamless continuation from middle school to high school.

Students learn skills in creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, and project management. NVAA classes move beyond typical art classes with increased rigor and unique specializations, which culminate in a twelfth-grade capstone and internship project.

Successful graduates from the NVAA program receive a special honors arts endorsement on their high school diploma. They learn skills that provide them with the ability to be creative, innovative leaders in a university environment and the 21st-century workplace.



## PVOnline

*All PVSchools*

PVOnline is an approved Arizona Online Instruction provider through the Arizona State Board of Education and is fully accredited as an extension of the school district. All PVOnline teachers are highly qualified and certified in their area of instruction.

### Some of the benefits include:

- Fully accredited courses administered by one of the most respected school districts in Arizona.
- Integration of 21st century skills with a priority on Arizona Technology Standards.
- Access to resources such as Google Apps and Cisco Telepresence.
- Flexibility to create a schedule that allows you to submit work consistently each week.
- Prepare in a real-world environment for post-secondary education.
- One-on-one access to instructors through chat, email, and telephone.



## Nationally Recognized Theater Program

*North Canyon High School*

North Canyon High School's theater program presents an average of 18 productions a year and includes four elite groups under the North Canyon Theater Company umbrella. North Canyon Theater Ensemble, Writers Circle, Directors Guild, and Musical Theater Troupe offer yearlong performing, writing, and directing experiences. The groups are selected in highly competitive auditions, submissions, and interview processes. The North Canyon Theater Company has performed throughout the United States and around the world alongside professional actors and have been featured in special theatrical events. North Canyon theater celebrates diversity and has created a safe, supportive environment in which students can be open to learning about themselves and others through creative expression in a life-changing program.



## Nationally Recognized Vocal Program

*Horizon High School*

Horizon High School's nationally acclaimed, award-winning choir program is designed to give students a chance to develop their singing and performing skills. Bringing tales to life through stage productions, students amaze and entertain audiences with ensembles filled with music and dance. With more than 300 members and six choirs, including Towne Criers, Step on Stage, Decibelles, Show Divas, Men's Choir, and Women's Choir. As a member of the choir, students can get on stage and perform in near professional venues and take part in large scale performances, including the award-winning Broadway Under the Stars.